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Bombing competition shows who's best in 2d Bomb Wing

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Competition was fierce as maintainers and flyers of the 2d Bomb Wing worked hard Tuesday through Thursday to find out who's best during the second Buff Smoke of 2004.

Buff Smoke is a three-day bombing competition between the flying squadrons and maintainers throughout the

wing, pitting the 11th, 20th and 96th Bomb Squadrons and their respective aircraft maintenance units against each other.

Planning for the competition began two months prior to day one of the competition.

"It was a lot of work but actually really fun," said Maj. Manny Labrado, 2d Operations Support Squadron offensive systems flight commander.

During the last Buff Smoke, the aircrews flew from Barksdale to Kansas, south into Oklahoma and back home, but this time they flew a straight shot to the Utah test and training target range.

There were 25 competitive sorties during the competition, 15 from the 96th BS, six from the 20th BS and four from the 11th BS.

"We hope to launch all the aircraft like last time," Major Labrado said. "Sometimes the plans don't cooperate."

The aircrews are scored on takeoffs, landings, bomb impact accuracy, navigational skills and electronic countermeasures.

In the last Buff Smoke competition, the grading criteria was determined by each individual shop. Since then the 2d Maintenance Squadron quality assurance has had the opportunity to create criteria.

"We have rules of engagement unlike last time, which were unclear," said Master Sgt. Mahmoud Rasouliyan, 2d MXS quality assurance chief inspector. "Last time they were just trying to get jets in the air; this Buff Smoke they actually have written pre-flight criteria."

The maintainers were key to the Buff Smoke competition.

"Over 20 maintenance functional areas came together for Buff Smoke, from the guys building bombs to the crew chiefs on the flightline," said 2d Lt. Devin Hartman, 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron Maintenance Operations Flight commander.

The competition wraps up today during a 4 p.m. award ceremony at the base theater.

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d BW commander, praised the hard work and dedication of all the people involved.

"Buff Smoke II will be an even greater challenge for our maintainers and aviators because we will be flying longer, tougher sorties with more weapons than last time," Colonel Moeller said. "It will still be fun but the competition means every detail matters and while everyone works harder, it tests our skills and also makes our combat edge razor sharp."



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

Staff Sgt. Israel Elizondo, a crew chief from the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, waits the arrival of the aircraft's 96th Bomb Squadron flight crew to launch a B-52 in support of Buff Smoke II.

Weekend Weather

Today Mostly cloudy	Saturday Mostly sunny	Sunday Mostly sunny
Hi: 52 Low: 35	Hi: 59 Low: 32	Hi: 55 Low: 32

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

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2d MXS Fabrication Flight keeps BUFFS flying

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Anthony Kelly retires from Barksdale after cutting hair for 47 years

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals			
Depicted in hours			
Goal:	271.4	154.5	351.8
Flown:	140.7	32.9	79.3
Remaining:	130.7	121.6	272.5
As of:			
Dec. 10	+01.9.8	-23.9	-66.7

Courtesy 2d Operations Group



Remember deployed Airmen

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

This is the last *Bombardier* in 2004 and I want to take just a minute to let you know how proud I am of the incredible work you have done.

Over the last year we have deployed thousands of Airmen around the globe and they have responded magnificently in their expeditionary roles. Our B-52s have deterred bad actors in the Pacific theater from doing us harm, and we have made history by demonstrating new capabilities.

We have toppled dictators, provided opportunities for democracy to flourish and terminated terrorist networks. Team Barksdale has demonstrated time and time again that we are a key part of the greatest Air Force in the world.

This week we finished our second Buff Smoke competition where operations and maintenance teams went all out in a friendly battle to determine which squadron and aircraft

maintenance unit takes home the trophy. I won't tell you who won because the answer is the entire wing.

We are stronger and more capable because of the hard work and dedication of these professionals. Every person on the flightline and in the air has honed their skills until they are razor sharp! This is the final push of activity until we stand down for a well-deserved break.

As always, however, our work is never finished and we stand ready to execute our combat taskings anytime and anywhere. It is important as you wake up on Christmas and New Year's morning to please remember that almost 500 of our deployed warriors are on watch — ready to fight.

Also, keep in mind that here at home, our security forces members, our services pros and firefighters are also on-duty —



they never take a day off from protecting our safety and security while making sure our troops are housed and fed. Too often we forget to say thank you to them because they are always there for us.

So everyone, please enjoy this time of peace and joy. Take time to relax ... you and your loved ones deserve it! But be safe and smart because we need each and every Team Barksdale warrior back safe and sound and ready to crank it back up in 2005!

Happy holidays to all of Team Barksdale and the Shreveport-Bossier community and God bless America!

8th AF/CC's holiday greetings

BY LT. GEN. BRUCE CARLSON
8TH AIR FORCE COMMANDER

This is the season to surround yourself with friends and family in the joy of the holidays. It's also a time to remember all the successes and blessings of the past year, and to look forward to the next.

I hope that each of you can find time to relax this holiday season and enjoy the many festivities. This is the time of year when each of us seem to reach down deep inside and pull out that love for our neighbors that we sometimes forget to express.

While most folks are filled with joy, for some the holiday season can be very lonely and stressful. I want each and every one of you to know you are a valuable member of the Mighty Eighth family. We care about you. There are many different programs for you to get involved with the festivities and to help you experience the joy of the season. I urge each of you to be a part of them.

Those who have families close to them should in-

vite into your homes those who are living in the dorms or who may not have anyone to share the holidays with. You'll both be blessed by the experience.

Also, in the excitement of the season don't forget to use caution. During this time of year there are a lot of accidents. Take extra care on the way to those holiday events. The roads can get busy this time of year. If you drink, drink responsibly and with a designated driver. We want every member of our Mighty Eighth family back with us after the holidays.

As I look back on the year I see a lot to be thankful for. The Mighty Eighth has had a lot of successes to be proud of. The coming New Year offers another host of opportunities.

I'm sure if you think back you'll see you personally have a lot to be proud of too. Remembering those successes and setting goals for the New Year will make your holidays more enjoyable.

From my family to yours I wish each of you the warmest holiday regards. Our thoughts and prayers are with you this season. Happy holidays!

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Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Make sure to know your Air Force role

BY 1ST LT. WILLIAM ADAMS II
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Do you know your role in the Air Force?

This sounds like a simple question, but I guarantee that not everyone has a solid understanding of how they contribute to the strongest Air Force in world history. For those of you who have no doubt that you know your role, what have you done to help others learn theirs?

There are numerous instructions, training plans, supervisors and mentors to which you can refer to find your job description. What I can tell you is simpler and more important. You are an Airman. To paraphrase Gen. Hal Hornburg, retired Air Combat Command commander, during his last visit, "You are not just a cop, maintainer, personnelist, information manager, scheduler, loggie, etc. You are an Airman in the United States Air Force that performs a vital function to our national security and our way of life."

The most important thing to understand is how you fit in our system with the rest of your fellow Airmen and how we as a whole protect the freedoms and liberties of our country.

To begin, think of the Air Force as a system. By definition a system is a regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole. "The whole is usually greater than the sum of the parts."

Shoplifting: not worth it

BY TECH. SGTS. BRYAN THOMAS AND
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With the holidays quickly approaching, everyone is looking for a way to get that perfect gift for their loved one and are hoping to save money.

While there are limitless ways of doing this, such as credit cards, checks and cash, there is one method you do not want to try — shoplifting. Quite simply stated, shoplifting is taking merchandise from a business without rendering payment for it. Switching price tags on merchandise is also considered shoplifting. Neither one of these options is a good idea.

With today's technological advances, James Orwell's idea that "Big Brother is watching," rings truer today than in the past. The newer, more modern base exchange facility is well-equipped with state-of-the-art surveillance systems which give store detectives a bird's eye view of every nook and cranny. In Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities worldwide, more than 10,000 people are detained or apprehended annually.

Shoplifting not only negatively affects AAFES facilities, it decreases contributions to the installation's morale, welfare and recreation fund; money that directly supports all active duty and family members.

This year, there have been 103 incidents involving allegations of shoplifting at Barksdale. Active-duty military account for 16 of these incidents, retired military and family members of military people (active duty, retired, reserve) have been detained for 70 shoplifting incidents, and

As an analogy, think about the human body. It is a system composed of various subsystems such as a respiratory system, a circulatory system, and others. Working together and considering such additional elements as personality and character, we have a human being. Similarly, the Air Force is a system composed of subsystems such as the personnel system, the financial system and the operational weapons system which, taken together, lead to the various missions we conduct.

So, the question that you have to ask yourself is "where do I fit in the system?" The fact is that most of us are cells that make up the subsystems of the Air Force. If a cell does not perform as it is expected to, the subsystem could fail.

Now you might say, if I'm just a cell, my performance will have little impact on a system as large as the Air Force. That is wrong! In case you didn't know, cancer cells are healthy cells that don't know how to grow correctly anymore. It is your supervisor's responsibility to nurture your growth, and it is your responsibility to seek a healthy growing environment so that you can continue to power the entire system.

It is absolutely vital that every Airman knows their job tactically, operationally and strategically. If you bust a suspense, you should understand the impact on your fellow Airman and how they may have to work weekends or additional hours to complete the work.

If finance and administrative paperwork is processed incorrectly, you should understand the psychological burden that places on your fellow Airmen and how that affects their unit's effectiveness. The list goes on.

If you understand how your function contributes to the health of the Air Force then you are more likely to perform your duties on the team. If you perform better, the Air Force will be in better shape to take care of you and the people we serve. If you ever feel that you are not given room to grow, then speak with your supervisor or find a mentor that will listen to you and nurture you. Not all supervisors are mentors so don't sit around waiting for someone that can't or won't support your ambitions to improve you and our Air Force. If you ever need a quick reminder of your role, take a look at the second page of this paper and read our TWO Vector. It will aim you in the right direction.

The bottom line is that no matter what level in the chain you are in or what function you provide, you are extremely important to the daily operations of the Air Force. If you aren't reminded of that on a regular basis then consider this a reminder.

Occasionally you need to pull yourself away from your immediate duties and evaluate your role in the big picture of the Air Force. This will give you an appreciation of your value to the Air Force and the role that we play in national security.

civilian guest detentions total 17 incidents. Active duty military members are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice under the provisions of Article 121 — larceny, while retirees, family members and civilian guests are subject to prosecution under Title 18, Section 641, United States Code.

In addition to prosecution under either the UCMJ or Title 18, any person caught shoplifting will lose their AAFES and commissary privileges for a period of one year. AAFES facilities include the base Exchange, auto pride, military clothing sales store, Burger King, base barber shops, AAFES dry-cleaning facility, BX game room, optical shop, flower shop, specialty shops in the BX mall area and food vendors in the BX food court; as well as the Defense Commissary Agency facility located on Barksdale.

Civilian and family violators are subject to trial under the magistrate court system, located in Shreveport, and are subject to maximum penalties of up to \$100,000 in fines and one year in jail, or both. These violators may also be barred from re-entering the installation, by order of the installation commander, for a period of two years.

Lastly, beginning in March 2002, AAFES implemented actions to recoup administrative costs for each shoplifting incident. In short, AAFES will collect \$200 in administrative costs as well as the value of the merchandise from the offender, or their sponsor.

Regardless of the excuse or reason given for shoplifting, the answer to the original question is very simple — shoplifting is not worth it!



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Self-help book available

The 2d Bomb Wing and 8th Air Force are committed to helping anyone who feels down, stressed, or depressed during the holiday season. Copies of the book, "Feeling Good" will be available at the Family Support Center and other places throughout the base. "Feeling Good" is a self-help book aimed primarily at younger age groups and written to help readers fight negative thoughts that foster depression. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to get a free copy.



Barksdale's Airman of the Month

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Airman 1st Class Kimberly Kelly, a weapons system software engineer from the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, was named Barksdale's



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Kimberly Kelly

Airman of the Month for November.

Airman Kelly, who grew up in Utah, loves to cook and do scrapbooking.

The support her office provided is what Airman Kelly believes helped her win the award.

"My squadron helped me a lot with getting ready for the wing board by having lots of practice boards," Airman Kelly said.

This was her third time up for the Airman of the month board.

"Since this was my third time I thought 'third time's a charm' so I was more relaxed and prepared," Airman Kelly said.

The Airman's supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Cesar Marrero, was excited about the accomplishment.

"I was confident she would win the base board because of her outstanding performance during our squadron's Airman of the month board," Sergeant Marrero said.

This was the second consecutive wing Airman of the Month for the 49th TES.

"The fact that Airman Kelly has won the second consecutive 2d Bomb Wing Airman of the Month board for our squadron, knocked me off my feet," Sergeant Marrero said. "I'm completely elated to have two of my own Airmen receive this honor."

11th FTU students get new patch

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
THE BOMBARDIER

The 11th Bomb Squadron is now issuing new patches to the students of the B-52 formal training unit in an effort to give students an identity of their own.

The squadron student patch provides FTU students an opportunity to be known by more than name patches on their flightsuits and their old Air Education and Training Command patches. The 11th BS's official patch is reserved strictly for instructors and others that aid the squadron. Because students are not permanently assigned to the squadron, they cannot wear the original patch.

"We needed a way for the students to have an identity and that's what this patch does," said Lt. Col. Parker Northrup, 11th Bomb Squadron commander. "Now when they come in, they put that patch on and are welcomed to the BUFF community. And for the bomb wing it is quite helpful. Two hundred students a year come through here and when you see these guys with the patch, it means they are new to us."

The patch's design was created by two of the 11th FTU students, 2d Lts. Brian Tileston and Monty Moncrief who took the initiative to work on an idea that had been buried under their flight commander's other work.

"It started off with me trying to stay involved with the FTU," Lieutenant Tileston said. "Our flight commander, Maj. Jason LeBleu, is always getting things tasked to him, and one of those things was this patch. I saw him working on it and he told me, 'We're trying to design a patch that not exactly signifies the wearer as a member of the 11th, but still one that will make the wearer feel incorporated into the squadron.' We saw we could help them out."

The patch, which depicts a skeleton wearing Mr. Jiggs' effects, is based on the 11th BS's

"crewdog" patch with squadron motto, "Dressed to Kill." Senior Airman Megan Franckowiak, a graphic artist with the 2d Communications Squadron, assisted the two lieutenants in the design elements of the patch.

The promotion of identity actually came from Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, who wanted to give the wing's FTU a sense of self.

The creation of a student lounge to give students a place to enjoy break time is another incentive to foster esprit de corps within the FTU. The recent addition of a foosball table to the new student lounge also builds an atmosphere to encourage identity among the students.

"I like it," said Lieutenant Moncrief. "I often hear people say, 'Hey, lets go play some foosball' and they actually get some time to talk with each other and get to know each other outside of the class and maybe have some fun."

Colonel Northrup sees the benefit in boosting identity and camaraderie among the FTU students.

"I know this will pay off in the long run because (Lt. Col.) Rick Taglang, the Detachment 13 commander, and I were initially co-pilots at Castle Air Force Base in California in the '80s," the colonel said. "We have had a friendship of 16 years built on our common Castle experiences, but we all had identity because we lived in one place. We all knew each other and that's the way we built that camaraderie at Castle. Here it's a totally different situation. We have people who are living off base who have families. And those who are staying here want to attach to their squadron so they can settle here for a long period of time. But it's really important to establish that link. These new members of the BUFF community will spend the next 16 years in the Air Force and they will always know where one another are located, which is a good thing."



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

Bussing

Staff Sgt. Ben Hackenberg, a vehicle operator and dispatcher from the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, transports aircrew members to their B-52 for a November training mission as part of his daily duties. The 2d LRS performs 25 to 30 aircrew runs a day.



CAA job focus expands

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN
THE BOMBARDIER

Professional development and force shaping is adding a new twist on how the 2d Bomb Wing career assistance advisor promotes the Air Force as a career.

Since the position was created, retention has been the main focus, said Master Sgt. Curby Range, the wing's CAA.

"With force shaping, focus is now on professional development, though retention is still an issue," he said.

"The CAA's role isn't shifting, per se, but it is expanding in scope," said 2d BW Command Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne. "The CAA is still a valuable source of information on the benefits of an Air Force career. But now, we've put all the professional enhancement programs under the CAA as well."

This change benefits Airmen in the long run.

"The CAA has the pulse of the base," Chief Lavigne said. "The CAA knows what areas Airmen need additional guidance and training in, and the CAA has a wealth of resources at their disposal. They get the base's senior NCOs to help facilitate the training and the result is better educated, better

informed Airmen ready to take on the additional roles they are faced with."

For this reason, the first term airmen center is included in the professional enhancement courses that now fall under the CAA.

"Because of the evolution of the career field, we now have another avenue for professional development," Sergeant Range said.

Professional enhancement is a vital part of being an Airman in today's Air Force.

"Quite frankly, they can't survive without it," the chief said. "We have the best and brightest Airmen America has to offer. They are heavily tasked and asked to perform duties we would never have dreamed of asking them to do a few years ago. These professional enhancement seminars prepare them to take on the additional roles."

However, professional enhancement is not the only responsibility of the career assistance advisor.

"The main reason my career field was created was people weren't getting information," Sergeant Range said. "I'm here to give people accurate Air Force information."

Call Sergeant Range at 456-4957 for more information or stop by his office located in Hoban Hall, near FTAC.

News briefs

Retirement

Master Sgt. Elizabeth Jones

Master Sgt. Elizabeth Jones, 2d Mission Support Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 10 a.m. in Chapel Two. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Terrence Jones at 456-5151 for more information.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Delaney

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Delaney, 2d Communications Squadron, retires after 21 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 9 a.m. at Hoban Hall. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Tech. Sgt. James Jewell at 456-3173 for more information.

Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne

Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne, 2d Bomb Wing, retires after 30 years of dedicated service in a ceremony Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. in the enlisted club. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Staff Sgt. Valerie Schmidt at 456-5077 by Dec. 29 to reserve a seat or for more information.

HAZMAT program

The Air Force HAZMAT Pharmacy Program's, or HPP, purpose is to provide Air Force installations with a standard way to manage hazardous materials procurement and use and still comply with environmental, safety and occupational health requirements. This is accomplished by eliminating HAZMAT usage

not essential to mission accomplishment, substituting reduced-risk HAZMAT whenever possible and minimizing HAZMAT usage when mission dictates their use. All hazardous materials authorizations, Air Force Form 3952s, need to be updated annually in the Air Force Environmental Management System, or AF-EMIS. If a unit's authorization expires, they will be delayed in procuring their needed items.

In addition, the HazMart is required to perform annual visits to all installation shops to ensure hazardous materials are properly managed. The HazMart will be looking at items such as authorizations, labeling (to include bar-coding), storage and shelf life.

If unit representatives need training using the AF-EMIS program, AF-EMIS loaded in the duty section, questions on shelf life issues, HPPs charter to minimize hazardous materials or have any issues, call the HazMart at 456-7044 or 456-7045.

Tobacco cessation class

Tobacco cessation classes are offered through the Barksdale Health and Wellness Center beginning Jan. 11. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 4. Stop by the HAWC to sign up.

Waterfowl hunters

Waterfowl hunting runs Saturday through Jan. 23. Waterfowl hunting on Barksdale closes at 4 p.m. each day. During

the waterfowl season, no person may discharge a firearm within 100 feet of any waterfowl refuge. Observe duck hunting restrictions during the rifle and muzzleloader deer seasons.

Call the Barksdale Natural Resources Office at 456-1963 for more information.

Commissary promotion

The Commissary will participate in the Special Olympics Promotion from Proctor and Gamble from Dec. 30 – Jan. 12. Proctor and Gamble coupons, totaling \$41.30, are scheduled to be distributed in all major newspapers Dec. 26 and additional coupon packets will be distributed at the store during the promotion.

Closure

The Family Support Center closes from noon until 2 p.m. today for an official function. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Award winners

The following are 8th Air Force Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award winners: Outstanding aircraft maintenance technician – Senior Airman Justin Gebhardt, 2d Maintenance Squadron; outstanding munitions/missile maintenance technician – Staff Sgt. Jody Cooper, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and outstanding communications electronics field grade manager – Maj. Kenneth Yunevich, 2d Communications Squadron.



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Remember holiday fire safety

BY STAFF SGT. NATHANIEL GLOVER

2D CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause more than \$930 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration, there are simple life-saving steps everyone can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Holiday tree fire hazards

Special fire safety precautions should be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Selecting a tree for the holiday

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree is freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out and is a fire hazard.

Caring for a tree

Do not place a tree close to a heat source, including a

fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put a live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of a tree

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of a tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Maintaining holiday lights

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do not overload electrical outlets

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires — they should not be warm to the touch. Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Use only nonflammable decorations

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace

It can throw off dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup in the home that could cause an explosion.

Artificial holiday trees

If a metallic or artificial tree is used, make sure it is flame retardant.

Avoid using lit candles

If lit candles are used, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

Never put lit candles on a tree

Do not go near a holiday tree with an open flame — candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have a home fire plan. Have working smoke alarms installed on every level of the home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice a home escape plan. For more information, call the Barksdale Fire Prevention Section at 456-2573.

Don't get caught in Twilight Zone while driving during late night driving hours

BY TECH. SGT. JOE WINFIELD

2D BOMB WING SAFETY

When driving at night, everything's a little bit harder to see. Other vehicles take longer to come into focus, animals dart out of the shadows. Colors, shapes and pedestrians along the edges of the roadway are often a blur.

Because glare can make things even harder to detect, take a few steps to improve the ability to see.

Clean vehicle's windshield

Dirt, bug remains and cigarette smoke can create a hazy filter on the windshield which clouds the light and distorts objects from a driver's viewing position. Give the windows a good wipe down, both inside and outside before driving. When wearing glasses, make sure they're clean as well. If it's sunny outside, don't forget sunglasses.

Check for the inside glare

Many drivers don't realize they can adjust the brightness of their dashboard lights. When the lights are cranked up all the way, it can distract from the road. If they are turned down too low, drivers can get lulled to sleep. Adjust the lights to an acceptable level.

Look away from oncoming traffic

Glare from oncoming headlights can temporarily blind or force a driver to

look away from the road. Drivers can avoid headlight blindness by shifting the central focus of vision to the right edges of the roadway or the right lane markers. Drivers can still watch traffic, but don't look into the brightest part of the oncoming lights. If the glare is caused by lights from behind, flip the rearview mirror to the nighttime position.

Scan

Drivers should move their head from side to side when driving. Don't fixate on a single target. Night vision is actually better to the sides, due to distribution of rod cells inside the eyes.

Don't go for gusto

Get a light shade of tint applied to windows. Limo tint may look cool on the outside, but driving a car at night with darker tint on the windows makes it harder to see on the inside.

Get eyes checked

All drivers should have their eyes examined annually. Drivers who suspect they are vulnerable to glare should have their eyes tested for night blindness. Also make sure glasses or contact lenses are suited for nighttime driving.

Following these simple steps can make seeing at night easier and make driving more enjoyable, not to mention safer.

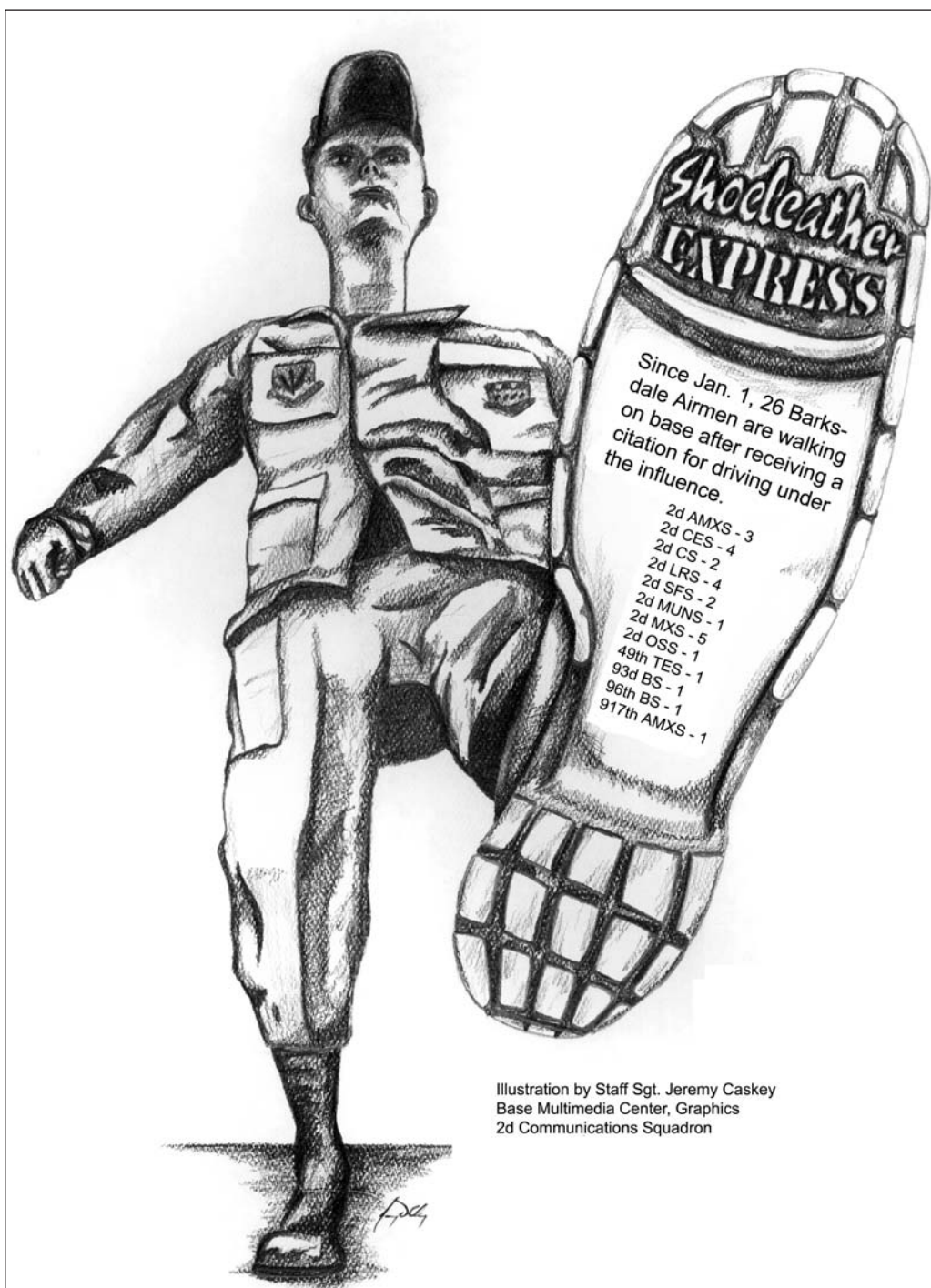


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Ready to roll

Capt. Kenneth Cates, a B-52 pilot from the 96th Bomb Squadron, checks switch positions in a B-52 while performing pre-flight checks in preparation for a training sortie.

688 Airmen encounter involuntary retraining

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Although many Airmen have already volunteered to change career fields or separate under the initial phase of the Air Force's fiscal 2005 non-commissioned officer retraining program, 668 other active-duty Airmen face involuntary retraining.

In Phase I of the program, Air Force officials notified more than 3,000 Airmen selected as "vulnerable" to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into.

"Five Airmen from Barksdale have been approved to retrain," said Airman Kari Payne, 2d Mission Support Squadron retraining manager.

"How the program will affect Barksdale as a whole is undetermined because no lists have been provided to know who is chosen for Phase II," Airman Payne said.

As part of Phase II, 668 active-duty Airmen have been targeted for involuntary retraining into a specialty chosen for them by Air Force Personnel Center enlisted retraining officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Phase II began Dec. 2 and runs through Feb. 28.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most," said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, NCO in charge of Air Force enlisted retraining.

"The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages," said Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Reed, chief of AFPC's skills management branch.

"We will work with those Airmen who are selected for retraining, as we would any retraining case, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Airman and his or her family while still meeting the needs of the Air Force," Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe said.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty are posted on the Web and will be updated weekly online at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Retraining/retraining.htm>.

Airmen interested in more details about the program can contact the military personnel flight at 456-8933. (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service*)



Above: Airman 1st Class Ronald Swain, 2d Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight metals technology apprentice, drills safety wire holes in tubing B-nuts. Right: Airmen 1st Class Morgan Higgins and Johnathon Fockler, both 2d MXS aircraft structural maintenance journeymen, assemble a B-52 longeron repair on a B-52 engine cowling.

Striving for perfection

Fabrication flight makes the grade

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN
THE BOMBARDIER

Planes have to be structurally maintained to fly for a long time. New parts can be ordered, but Barksdale's 44 and 45-year-old B-52s can't be replaced. That is exactly what the 2d Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight does; they maintain the actual structure of the B-52. The flight is made up of four shops: aircraft structural maintenance, or structures; metals technology; non-destructive inspection, or NDI; and survival equipment. Each element of the flight is integral to the mission. "Structures works with the actual airframe," said 2d Lt. Scott Hewitt, fabrication flight commander. "Metals tech welds a variety of parts and works with different milling machines and makes parts for both the B-52 and support equipment that the aerospace ground equipment flight uses." The non-destructive inspection shop inspects about 250 parts a week for damage. "NDI deals with different ways of testing metal through X-rays, magnetic inspection and oil analysis," Lieutenant Hewitt said. "Survival Equipment packs the drag chutes, the parachutes that deploy from the aircraft during landing, as well as the parachutes the aircrew uses. They also have industrial sewing machines they use to make some of the covers for equipment used around the base." The small parts paint shop is one of the few places on base where the heater runs all year long. "We strip, smooth and put the best finish we can on

parts," said Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Hemphill, NCO in charge of small parts paint shop. In the survival equipment shop, the perfection the flight strives for is key. The survival equipment shop packs 33-44 parachutes per week and 50 drag chutes a week, said Master Sgt. Byron Blagec, fabrication flight survival equipment shop chief. The lieutenant is happy with how the flight performs on a daily basis. "It amazes me what they can do," Lieutenant Hewitt said. "They can take drawings and measurements and make exact replicas of parts for the aircraft, and they don't make many mistakes. The standard is perfection and they meet that daily." Those sentiments are echoed by the fabrication flight chief. "They do an outstanding job," said Chief Master Sgt. Ken Ward, fabrication flight chief. "We have a lot of three-levels here and they meet or exceed the job pass rate and they enjoy what they do." The flight, made up of about 100 members, has around nine people deployed to various locations right now, most of those from structural maintenance, Chief Ward said. "The most important things the flight do are make sure the aircraft is ready for it's mission, taking care of people and making sure they get the training they need," the chief said. "That's the bottom line, fixing aircraft and taking care of not only the mission, but also our people."



Photos by Senior Airman Kevin Camara/2d Communications Squadron



Above: Airman 1st Class Joseph Page, 2d MXS aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, checks the print quality of a fresh B-52 nose art decal. Below: Staff Sgt. David House, a non-destructive inspection craftsman with the 2d MXS, views an X-ray to inspect for cracks on B-52 flap tracks.





Retiring barber is ‘a cut above the rest’

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY

THE BOMBARDIER

Anthony Kelley could write a book on Barksdale, at least that’s what he said while talking about his 47-year career at Barksdale as a barber, which will be ending with his retirement the end of December.

Mr. Kelley’s book would probably be full of obscure facts that might baffle a few Air Force historians, as he saw history unfold from a unique perspective; after all, Mr. Kelley has cut hair here since before the B-52 arrived on the Barksdale flightline. And after cutting Airmen’s hair for so long, he wouldn’t trade his craft for any other.

“When you love something, it’s not like work, it’s not like a job,” Mr. Kelley said. “If you asked me right now, ‘What kind of hobby do you want to do when you quit?’ I’d reply, ‘This is my hobby.’ I don’t want there to ever be a time in my life when I’m not barbering.”

When Mr. Kelley arrived as a 19-year-old fresh out of an Arkansas barber school, it was 1958 and the B-47 ruled the skies. He got the job because the barber contractor’s wife was from his hometown.

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bohannon, 2d Bomb Wing historian, said that one thing easily remembered of Mr. Kelley is the way he dressed.

“He was always easy to spot,” he said. “He always wore a suit and tie under his barber apron.”

Mr. Kelley said he dressed that way to make an impression. It was something he started when he first arrived.

“When I first arrived in Shreveport, I didn’t own a suit, but I knew that I wanted to cut hair wearing one so that I’d look good while I did my job,” he said. “So I went into downtown Shreveport and found a suit store. I went in and asked to speak to the owner. I said, ‘I don’t have the money for it, but I have a job and I need a suit. Can you help me out?’ The owner fitted me with two suits, and I bought every suit of mine after that from him until he died.”

Maj. Gen. William Eubanks, retired “father of the B-52,” has had his hair cut by Mr. Kelley for 40 years. Mr. Kelley cut his hair for the final time Dec. 9 while they shared old stories.

“He’s been a good friend and a good barber for 40 years,” the retired general said.

In Mr. Kelley’s youth, he said he used to have other barbers come to see him cut hair and marvel at his speed. Today he says his talent has slowed down, but he still is quick.

“If I’m real busy, I can cut 50 or 60 heads a day, but believe it or not, I used to cut hair with the clock,” he said. “What I would do is make sure that every minute to a minute-and-a-half I’d be finished with a haircut. We’re still giving the same style of haircut but I was so fast back then that I could look at the clock and make sure I was finished with the haircut in less than two minutes. I would use two minutes for the haircut, and a minute dealing with the register.”

Mr. Kelley laughed when asked of an



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

Mr. Anthony Kelley finishes up an Airman’s haircut at the base exchange’s barber shop. Mr. Kelley retires this month after 47 years of barbering on base. He says he’ll miss working on the base because of how nice his customers are.

estimate of how many hair cuts he had given.

“I tell everyone this: If I could take all of the hair that I’ve cut over the years and walk up on the Shreveport-Barksdale Bridge and dump it out in that water, it would slow the water down for a little while. That’s a lot of hair, man, a lot of hair.”

Mr. Kelley and another barber from the Barksdale shop, Mr. Brooks Tarkington, have opened a barber shop located a few miles south of Shreveport on Mansfield Road in Keithville, La. There he wants to keep his career alive while working in a more relaxed atmosphere in a shop he can call his own. Reflecting on his own craft, Mr. Kelley says with regret that it might be dying.

“We’re running out of male barbers,” he said. “I hate to say it, but we’re running out. I don’t know when it happened, some people say it was the rise of cosmetology and it has mixed into the world of barbering, but in most places, the barber shops are phasing out. However, the reason my business in Keithville is doing so well is because we present the image of the old-fashioned barbershop. The people out there are thirsty for it.”

Mr. Kelley has enjoyed working with the military over the years.

“I’ve never had a dispute with a customer in the past 47 years,” he said.

Mr. Kelley pointed to an Airman who sat down at one of the other barber’s chairs.

“You see that young man, I don’t even know him, but when his hair is done, he’ll look in that mirror, smile, pay and leave,”

he said. “It’s nice working with people like that. I’m going to miss it. These people are like a real big family.”



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Daughters, Alaina and Shontela

Hometown: Lake Charles, La.

Unit: 2d Maintenance Squadron

Job title: Aircraft structural maintenance element chief

Job description: Manage the production of 61 Airmen in the repair of airframe deficiencies and corrosion problems

Most rewarding job aspect: Being surrounded by people who are dedicated professionals who strive for nothing short of the best

Goals: Retire from the Air Force to teach and coach football

Hobbies: Spending time with my kids and friends, watching movies, fishing and anything outdoors

What motivates my winning attitude: My desire to achieve

Favorite TV show: Sportscenter

Favorite sports team: LSU

Favorite meal: Nita's lasagna

Favorite movie: Full Metal Jacket

Favorite book: Black Hawk Down

I'm proudest of: My daughter Aliana



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

**Master Sgt.
Michael Bohanan**

Best day of my life: Watching my children being born

What I like most about Barksdale: Being close to my family

Pet peeve: People who lack initiative

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: Poor street drainage

2d Maintenance Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Phillip Wilson
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Kendall Martin

2d Maintenance Group commander:
Col. Bret Klassen
Squadron motto:
Maintaining excellence

Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

New Year's Eve party

Dance the night away at the enlisted club lounge on New Year's Eve. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Walk-ins will pay an additional \$5. Reservations are required by noon Dec. 30. Call 456-4926 to make a reservation.

Gourmet night

Enjoy gourmet dining at the officers club on New Year's Eve. A hosted cocktail hour is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Guests may enjoy wine, shrimp cocktail, mandarin salad, rock lobster with drawn butter, choice beef tenderloin, oven baked seasoned potato, baked tomato with fresh garden greens and amaretto sundae for dessert. A beverage cart with champagne is available after dinner. Cost is \$29.95 for members and \$34.95 for non-members. Call 456-4926 for required reservations.

Holiday hours

The following are hours of operation for 2d Services Squadron activities:

Fitness center — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 24 and 31, closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Fox Run Golf Course — closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Bowling center — open Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

The officers club's offices — open Monday through Wednesday and Dec. 27 through 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Evening dining, brunch and bingo are closed for December.

The enlisted club — open Monday and Dec. 27 for football frenzy. The clubs close Dec. 24 through 26 and Jan. 1 and 2. The enlisted club opens Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the officers club dining room is open for reservations only from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Hangar II is open Tuesday and Dec. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Aero Club — The runway closes at noon Wednesday. The runway closes, but the Aero Club is open for students Dec. 24 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. The runway closes at 7 p.m. Dec. 30.

Arts and crafts — open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

Auto hobby — open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Equipment rental, library, the youth center, child development center and part-day enrichment — closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Gifts and Getaways — open Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Red River dining facility — open Dec. 25 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Christmas brunch. Families and retirees are welcome from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Normal hours apply after the brunch.

Flight kitchen — closed Dec. 25. The ground support meal window is open.

Got sports?



December 28

Iowa State versus Miami of Ohio

Regular price \$25 Military price \$24



December 17, 18, 23 & 26

Mudbugs Hockey versus:

Ft. Worth Brahmas & Memphis River Kings

Regular price \$14 Military price \$8

Tickets at Gifts & Getaways in the BX Mall or call 456-1866



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



“Saw”

Rated: R

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 100 minutes

Cast: Leigh Whannell, Cary Elwes

Synopsis: Obsessed with teaching his victims the value of life, a deranged, sadistic serial killer is abducting morally wayward people and forcing them to play horrific games for their own survival. Faced with impossible choices, each victim must struggle to win back his or her life, or else die trying.

“The Polar Express”

Rated: G

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Run time: 90 minutes

Cast: Animated

Synopsis: Believing in Santa Claus isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. But a young boy's faith is rewarded on Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train whose conductor pulls up in front of his house and takes him and the other children to the North Pole to meet Santa.



“After The Sunset”

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 93 minutes

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek

Synopsis: Life should be easy after a sterling career as a master thief. Though he is now retired to an island paradise, trouble comes looking for Max when his former nemesis from the FBI shows up when a big score is rumored to be on the horizon. With a savvy local cop also in the wings, a new cat-and-mouse game of friendship, suspicion and thievery is afoot.



Bomber trivia: From 1963 to the mid-1970s, the B-52s of the 2d Bomb Wing utilized the standard Air Force supersonic, jet-propelled, air-to-surface standoff missile. What was this missile?

- A. North American AGM-28A Hound Dog Air-to-Ground Missile
- B. Boeing AGM-69A Short Range Attack Missile
- C. Northrup Snark Intercontinental Missile
- D. Martin TM-61A Matador Tactical Missile

Answer:

A. North American AGM-28A Hound Dog Air-to-Ground Missile

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

Bundles for babies

A bundles for babies workshop is scheduled Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The workshop features topics on how to prepare financially for a baby, car seat safety and baby's "First Three Years." Both fathers and mothers are encouraged to attend and all ranks are welcome. All expectant moms will receive a free bundle worth \$50. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support during a time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for deployment.

Pre-separation briefing

Better preparation leads to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing will inform separating members of the resources available as they make this transition.

Relocation briefing

All members permanently changing station must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available to make a smooth transition to the next duty assignment.

Parents, tots playgroup

Parents and tots playgroup is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex. Improve children's social skills, while parents network and share parenting success stories.

Airman's attic

Household items, clothing, toys, uniforms, books and more are available at the Airman's Attic. The Airman's Attic is free to senior airmen and below and on a case-by-case basis to staff sergeants and above. Donations of clean, serviceable clothing, household items and toys are always welcome and can be dropped off at Family Services, located in the Family Support Center, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Air Force as a 2d language

This comprehensive handbook is a must for spouses new to the Air Force way of life. It defines commonly used acronyms and provides information on available local and Air Force programs and services. Come by the Family Support Center and pick up a copy.

Community briefs

Chapel informaiton

Chapel One is located at 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East and Chapel Two is located at 724 Douhet Drive. Call the chapel at 456-2111 for information on chapel services.

Dining hall information

Call 456-8367 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for menu information from the flight kitchen.



Sports shorts

Free T-shirt

Starting in January, the fitness center kicks off the Run, Walk or Bike to Disney World Program. Participants track their cardio miles on a special mileage log. They are awarded a T-shirt when they reach 1,000 miles. All forms of cardio are accepted and mileage is based on the honor system. Pick up a mileage log at the fitness center front desk in January. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Triple threat program

Effective Jan. 1, the fitness center starts the Triple Threat Program. Men and women achieving 1,000 miles, 2,000 push-ups and 2,000 sit-ups will receive prizes. Additional prizes are awarded at the 500-mile mark and at the 750 sit-up and push-up mark. Tracking sheets may be picked up at the front desk. Call 456-4135 for details.

Bowlers compete by mail

Youth ages 5 to 18 can compete in a bowling competition with youths from around the world. Dates to bowl are Saturday, Jan. 15 and 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. Children ages 5 to 8 may use bumpers. The scores are sent to compete with other bases. Trophies are presented for first through third place in high game and high series. Cost is \$4.50 a child. Bowlers may register at the bowling center at 3:45 p.m. on competition days.

Call 456-3448 or sign up in advance at the youth center.

Holiday bowling specials

While league play is cancelled Monday through Jan. 1, the bowling center offers three hours of unlimited bowling for \$8 from 6-9 p.m.

Call 456-4133 for details about other daily specials.

Free golf clinics

Fox Run Golf Course offers free golf clinics on Saturdays from Jan. 8 through 29 at 9 a.m. The clinics include free range balls and free golf club usage. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Call 456-2263 or stop by the Fox Run pro shop to sign up.

Family focus

The fitness center hosts a family exercise competition Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. Families compete in free throws, a football relay, a quarter-mile relay fun run and a basketball shuttle race. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Resolution Solution 5K run

Kick off the New Year with a resolution to stay in shape. The Resolution Solution is at 11 a.m. Jan. 18 and features a five-kilometer run or walk, aerobathon and circuit training session. Free refreshments are provided and door prizes will be given away. The top three male and female runners receive awards. Call 456-4135 to sign up.

2d MDG comes back, outlasts 2d MSS 18-12

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2d Medical Group scored the final 12 points of the game to top the 2d Mission Support Squadron in overtime during their first round intramural flag football game Monday at the base fitness center field.

"The last time we played this team they manhandled us," said Medic quarterback and coach Jacob Pietrowski. "This time we came out with a good defensive plan and we stuck to it."

The game got off to a slow start as the Medics threw three straight incomplete passes and punted the ball on fourth down.

However, the Medics' drive looked like a roaring success in comparison to the 2d MSS team's first drive. On the second play of the drive quarterback Elliot Hubbard called an audible at the line of scrimmage for a wide receiver screen to the left flat. The play blew up in his face as the Medics' Kevin Kilker stepped in front of the pass and returned the interception for a touchdown. The Medics failed to convert the extra point and had to settle with a 6-0 lead.

The 2d MSS team did not let their early setback take them out of the game. Hubbard did not let the interception affect his play as he completed a long bomb down the right sideline to Terrence Givens, who showed the grace of a ballerina tiptoeing in-bounds to make the grab.

Hubbard ended the drive with a nifty quarterback sneak and eluded three defenders on his way to pay dirt. The extra point attempt failed and the game went into halftime tied 6-6.

In the second half the 2d MSS team drew first blood in a crazy unscripted play. Givens, taking the handoff on a dive, went left but there was no where to run so he cut the ball back to the right side. The right side was bottled up as well and he cut it back to his left eluding two defenders. As Givens ran to the left he spotted receiver Brandon Kusek wide open in the end zone. He lofted the ball to Kusek, who made the catch for the touchdown. The extra point was again unsuccessful and the 2d MSS team took the lead 12-6.

The Medics answered back with a touchdown drive of their own on their next drive. Pietrowski completed five passes on the drive. The last completion went to receiver Keith Garrett over the middle who eluded two defenders on his way to a touchdown. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful and the 2d MSS team took possession of the ball with the game knotted at 12-12.

Both teams had a chance to score in regulation but neither team could move the ball and the game went into overtime.

The Medics received possession of the ball first in overtime. Pietrowski stretched the ball across the goal line on a quarterback sneak to give his team a 18-12 lead. The extra point was unsuccessful.

The 2d MSS team took possession of the ball needing a score to extend the game. It looked like they were about to tie it up as Hubbard fired a bullet toward receiver Demarkulus Menyfield. Menyfield was unable to make the diving catch as the ball hit his hands and fell to the ground. The Medics intercepted Hubbard on fourth down to end the game.

The 2d MSS coach believed his team may have looked past the Medics.

"2d MDG was the last team we played in the regular season and we beat them by more than 20 points," said coach Derrick Bartley. "They were a tough and physical team we should not have underestimated."



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee/2d BW/PA

Jacob Pietrowski, 2d Medical Group quarterback, reaches for the end-zone while being stopped by a 2d Mission Support Squadron defender. Pietrowski scored on the play during overtime to seal the victory.



Elliot Hubbard, 2d MSS quarterback, looks to pitch the ball away to avoid being downed by 2d MDG defensive back Jonathan Ezernack.